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Our Use of Soviet Experts

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this out next week.

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The Director of Central Intelligence

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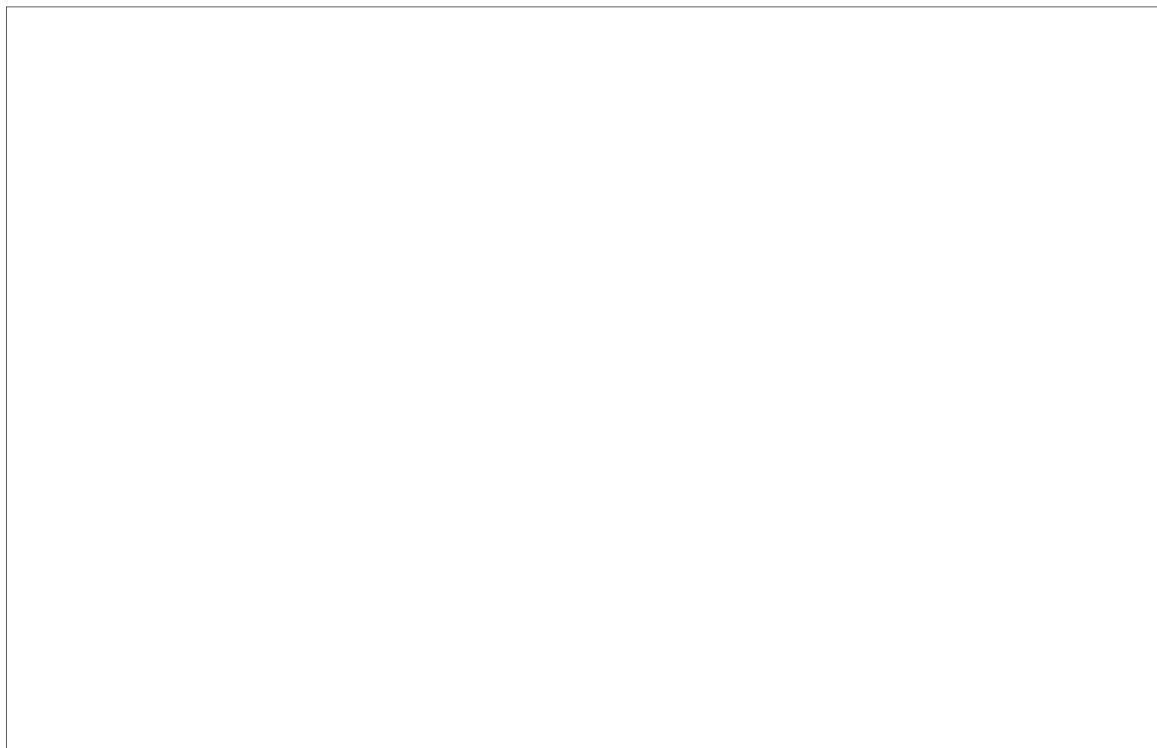
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Herbert E. Meyer
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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1. In the last couple of years the NIC has vastly extended its reach to include Soviet specialists of several nationalities and generations.

2. On 29-30 March 1984 NIO-USSR sponsored a conference on the significance of political and social discontent in the USSR. In addition to about 25 government analysts and officials, nine participants from the academic world attended:

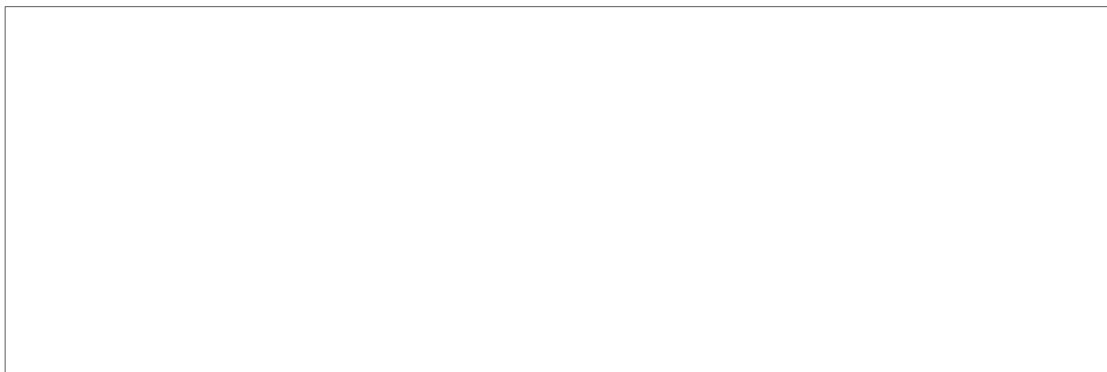


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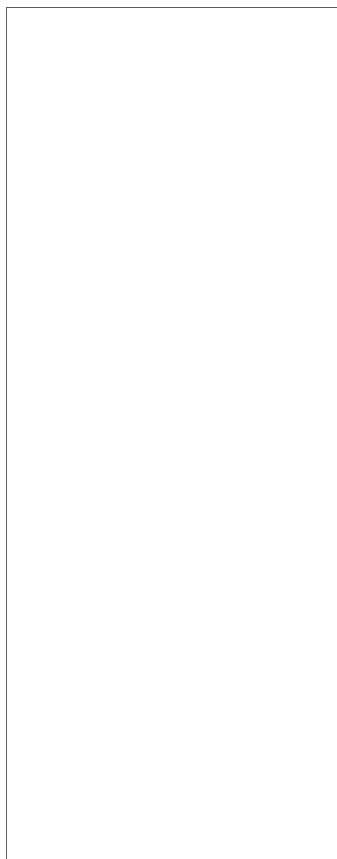
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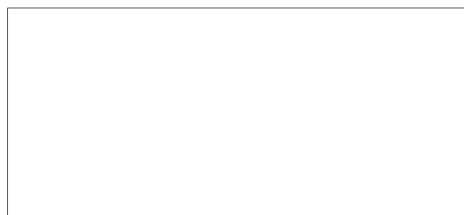
3. Besides the individuals listed above, NIC contacts among Soviet affairs specialists include:

A. US Scholars:



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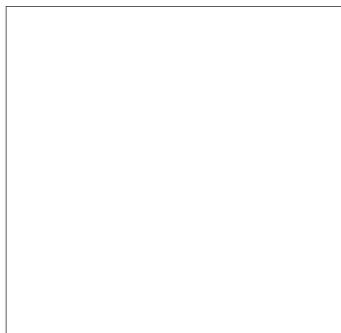
B. Non-US Scholars



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4. As you can see, we've vastly expanded the traditional stable of experts to include quite a few new faces.

5. You should also be aware that the NIC recently signed a contract with Professor [redacted] and the small group he's pulled together do path-breaking work on how the Soviet Union will cope with the advent of the "information society." I expect the product of this contract to be a seminal piece of analysis. And we're pondering a contract to a group led by Professor [redacted] on how the Soviet technical and bureaucratic elites are likely to respond to Gorbachev's call for reform.

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6. As for [redacted] the NIC has been unsuccessful in arranging a discussion with him. In 1983 [redacted] after much prodding to address a NIC sponsored seminar. But he cancelled at the last minute and never followed through on his promise to get back in touch with us. More recently (30 July) Fritz Ermarth and [redacted] made arrangements to talk [redacted] cancelled at the last minute.

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Herbert E. Meyer